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Department of State.
Washington, March 25, 1880.

To the

Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia, Penn.

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It is understood that the State Department has, on occasions heretofore, had two medals struck, one large and the other smaller, for such presentation, - these medals being distinct from the one authorized by Section 7 of the Act of June 20, 1874.

If you have such dies, or other suitable ones, now in your possession, I will thank you to cause to be prepared and sent hither with all convenient dispatch, proofs thereof, in white metal, with a statement of the respective cost of striking the same in gold, silver and bronze, with suitable inscription

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John Hay

Assistant Secretary.

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~~Secretary's Department~~
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Asst Secy of State

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Recd March 27th 1880.

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